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I. ALBANIA
1. Albania's political deadlock hampers its EU bid

04.07.2010, Hurriyet Daily News

Albania's political crisis has entered its second year with no end in sight for the impasse that arose from the disputed June 2009 elections and hampers the country’s EU membership bid. As the crisis drags on, the Socialist-led opposition announced last week that it will resume its parliamentary protest which will effectively block important legislation necessary for the country's European Union membership application.

II. ARMENIA
1. Armenian – Turkish border may be opened for period of NATO exercises in Armenia

14.07.2010, Panarmian.net
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<td>A meeting between Armenian, Azerbaijani and OSCE Minsk Group Co-chairing countries' Foreign Ministers meeting in Almaty is possible but not scheduled yet, Armenian top diplomat said. “If the meeting takes place, the key issue will be whether Azerbaijan is willing to continue negotiations on the basis of the latest version of Madrid principles presented during the presidential meeting in Saint Petersburg,” Edward Nalbandian said during a joint news conference with his Polish counterpart Radoslaw Sikorski.</td>
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<td>Armenia is willing to accomplish the normalization process with Turkey if the latter demonstrates political will and takes action to that end, Armenian National Assembly Speaker said. “We are hopeful that the EU will be consistently following the process of establishment of diplomatic relations and opening of the border between Armenia and Turkey,” Hovik Abrahamyan said in his address to the European Parliament’s Foreign Affairs Committee.</td>
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<td>Armenian Minister of Energy and Natural Resources Armen Movsisyan said that the RA authorities are not concerned over the possible purchase of Armenia-bound gas pipeline by another country, including Azerbaijan. “Georgia has not announced the intention to sell the pipeline yet. It has only been withdrawn from the list of strategic properties privatization of which is forbidden.”</td>
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### III. AZERBAIJAN

1. Azerbaijan-Georgia consultations on border delimitation held in Baku | 14.07.2010, Trend News |
| **READ MORE:** http://en.trend.az/news/politics/foreign/1720737.html | Azerbaijani-Georgian consultations on delimitation and demarcation of the border were held on Wednesday. Consultations were held between Azerbaijani and Georgian Deputy Ministers Khalaf Khalafov and David Jalagania, the Azerbaijani Foreign Ministry told Trend. |

| **READ MORE:** http://en.trend.az/capital/pengineering/1720398.html | Baku opened an international conference on "Opportunities and prospects for use of alternative and renewable energy sources in Azerbaijan" organized by the International Eco-energetic Academy and with the support of the Azerbaijani Industry and Energy Ministry and Azerbaijani National Academy of Sciences (ANAS). |

| **READ MORE:** http://en.trend.az/news/politics/foreign/1720718.html | Azerbaijani FM Elmar Mammadyarov received Latvian ambassador to Azerbaijan Mihails Popkovs, Swedish ambassador Hans Gunnar and Norwegian ambassador Yon Ramberg in connection with the completion of their diplomatic mission, the Azerbaijani MFA said. |

4. Azerbaijani Defence Ministry: Monitoring contact line held without incident | 14.07.2010, Trend News |
| **READ MORE:** http://en.trend.az/news/karabakh/1720690.html | The monitoring at the contact line of troops, which took place on Wednesday, was held without incident, the Azerbaijani Defense Ministry told Trend. The monitoring was held at the frontline in the north-west direction near the village Kurapatkino in Khojavand district of Azerbaijan in accordance with the mandate of the Personal Representative of the OSCE. |

5. Azerbaijani, Dutch border guards discuss prospects of cooperation | 14.07.2010, Trend News |
| **READ MORE:** http://en.trend.az/news/politics/enforcement/1720614.html | The Azerbaijani State Border Service discussed prospects for cooperation with the Dutch State Border Service, the service reported. During the Azerbaijan visit, the delegation of the Royal Border Service of the Netherlands headed by Commander Van Putten discussed the current level and prospects of cooperation between the structures and other issues of mutual interest. |
6. Minister: Azerbaijan may conclude treaties on defence items worth 42 million manat by late 2010
14.07.2010, Trend News
The contracts on defense items worth 61.1 million manat have been signed for six months of 2010, Minister of Defense Industry Yaver Jamalov said at a meeting of the Cabinet of Ministers with the participation of the President on the results of six months of this year.

7. Deflation hits 0.6 percent in Azerbaijan in June
14.07.2010, Trend News
READ MORE: http://en.trend.az/capital/macro/1720545.html
Prices for consumer goods and services in Azerbaijan declined by 0.6 percent in June 2010 compared to May, the State Statistics Committee said. However, food prices reduced by 1.1 percent, industrial goods remained at the May figure, and tariffs and prices for paid services increased by 0.1 percent.

8. Azerbaijani minister meets with Polish ambassador
14.07.2010, Trend News
Azerbaijani Defense Minister Safar Abiyev has today received Polish ambassador to Azerbaijan Krzysztof Krajewski in connection with the completion of his diplomatic mission in the country, the ministry reported. Abiyev thanked Krajewski for his contribution to the development of military cooperation between the two countries.

9. UN refers Baku to category 'A'
13.07.2010, Trend News
Taking into account the rapid improvement of living conditions in Baku, the United Nations decided to classify Baku with "A" category on its classification of services from July 1, 2010, the information said.

10. Azerbaijani, Armenian FMs may meet in Almaty
13.07.2010, Trend News
Azerbaijani and Armenian foreign ministers Elmar Mammadyarov and Edward Nalbandian may meet with their French, Russian and US counterparts Bernard Kouchner, Sergei Lavrov and Hillary Clinton at the upcoming OSCE summit in Almaty.

11. President: Azerbaijan will continue building up military potential
13.07.2010, Kyiv Post
Military power allows Azerbaijan to liberate occupied lands, President Ilham Aliyev said. "We must stand ready to liberate our lands from the invaders. Azerbaijan, I am convinced, has such capabilities today," Aliyev told a Cabinet meeting, which discussed the country's economic performance in the first half of the year.
12. Over 3 mln tons of Azerbaijani oil exported to world markets
13.07.2010, BSANNA News
READ MORE: http://bsanna-news.ukrinform.ua/newsitem.php?id=13583&lang=en
About 3,280,000 tons of Azerbaijani oil was exported to the world markets via Ceyhan port, State Oil Company of Azerbaijan (SOCAR) said. From the beginning of 2010, this figure reached 18,300,000 tons. After putting into commission of the Baku-Tbilisi-Ceyhan main export pipeline, 122,900,000 tons of oil was exported to the world markets.

13. Azerbaijan President attends informal meeting of CIS heads of state
12.07.2010, BSANNA News
READ MORE: http://bsanna-news.ukrinform.ua/newsitem.php?id=13565&lang=en
President of Azerbaijan Ilham Aliyev has attended an informal meeting of the CIS Heads of State in Yalta. Ukrainian leader Viktor Yanukovich welcomed the Azerbaijani President in front of the Livadia Palace. Opening the meeting, the Ukrainian President called the participants to discuss measures to step up economic cooperation among the CIS member countries, as well as implementation of joint projects in transport and tourism.

14. Clinton seeks to warm US ties with Azerbaijan
4.07.2010, Wall Street Journal
READ MORE: http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052748704738404575346911651883710.html?mod=fox_australian
Secretary of State Hillary Clinton visited Azerbaijan on Sunday, the US's Independence Day, following stops in Kiev on Friday and Poland on Saturday. In Azerbaijan, Mrs. Clinton held talks with President Ilham Aliyev, who stressed the urgency of his country's territorial dispute with neighboring Armenia.

IV. GEORGIA
1. EU-Georgia association agreement talks in Batumi
15.07.2010, Civil.Ge
READ MORE: http://www.civil.ge/eng/article.php?id=22514
EU foreign policy chief, Catharine Ashton, who starts two-day visit to Georgia on July 15, will formally open EU-Georgia Association Agreement together with President Saakashvili in Black Sea town of Batumi. “Georgia can rest assured that the EU will continue to provide support in advancing democracy, rule of law and governance particularly under the European Neighbourhood Policy and the Eastern Partnership.”

2. Georgian President praises relations with Poland
14.07.2010, Trend News
"Polish FM Radoslaw Sikorski is a great friend of Georgia and he is linked to our country by our common democratic values," Georgian President Mikheil Saakashvili said during a meeting with Sikorski in Batumi. "He has long been a friend of Georgia. We are linked by friendship and I can cite the EU associate membership agreement that we are working on as an example," he said.
3. Georgian President visits Poti airport
14.07.2010, Trend News
Georgian President Mikheil Saakashvili inspected radar installations at the construction site of the Poti airport this week, a Georgian governmental press service reported. "The Russians blew up our radars and destroyed our airport infrastructure," he said. "But we are building better radars. Destroy them again and we will build them even better. That is our destiny.

4. French FM to celebrate Bastille Day with Georgian President
14.07.2010, Trend News
French Foreign and European Affairs Minister Bernard Kouchner will pay an official visit to Georgia July 14-15, the French Embassy in Georgia reported. Kouchner will arrive at the Tbilisi airport at 10:00 p.m. July 14. He will then head to the presidential palace to have an official dinner to celebrate Bastille Day with Georgian President Mikheil Saakashvili.

5. Saakashvili meets Polish FM
14.07.2010, Civil.Ge
READ MORE: http://www.civil.ge/eng/article.php?id=22510
After holding talks in Tbilisi on July 13, Polish Foreign Minister, Radoslaw Sikorski, met with President Saakashvili in Black Sea town of Batumi on Tuesday evening. "Mr. Sikorsky is young, but Georgia's long-time friend. He is not only important political figure in Europe, but also good advisor. We always exchange opinions about important issues," Saakashvili said.

6. Trunk gas pipeline debated in Parliament
13.07.2010, Civil.Ge
READ MORE: http://www.civil.ge/eng/article.php?id=22507
Parliament passed on July 13 with 68 votes to 4 with second hearing a draft law on privatization of state assets, lifting restriction on sale of Georgia's North-South Gas Pipeline. The ruling party lawmakers were repeatedly stating during the debates that there was no intention to sell the pipeline to Russia, but the opposition said the verbal pledge was not enough.

7. Monitoring visit by PACE co-rapporteurs to Georgia
12.07.2010, BSANNA News
READ MORE: http://bsanna-news.ukrinform.ua/newsitem.php?id=13564&lang=en
Kastriot Islami (Albania, SOC) and Michael Jensen (Denmark, ALDE), co-rapporteurs of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) for the monitoring of Georgia, will make a fact-finding visit to this country from 12 to 15 July, as part of their ongoing assessment of the honouring of Georgia's Council of Europe obligations and commitments.

8. Polish, French FMs to visit Georgia
12.07.2010, Civil.Ge
READ MORE: http://www.civil.ge/eng/article.php?id=22505
Foreign Ministers of Poland and France, Radoslaw Sikorski and Bernard Kouchner, respectively, will be visiting Georgia this week. The Polish Foreign Minister, who will arrive in Tbilisi as part of his trip to the region, also including Armenia and Kazakhstan, will hold talks with the Georgian...
| IMF: Economic recovery gaining strength, but risks remain | 10. | IMF: Economic recovery gaining strength, but risks remain | 11.07.2010, Civil.Ge | READ MORE: http://www.civil.ge/eng/article.php?id=22503 | Georgia’s economic recovery “is gaining strength”, but “risks remain” as demonstrated in reduced inflow of foreign direct investments in the first quarter of 2010, International Monetary Fund (IMF) said. IMF executive board completed sixth review of Georgia’s economy on July 9 and granted Georgia further USD 74.8 million as part of Stand-by Arrangement (SBA) with initial amount of USD 750 million, which was then increased to USD 1.1 billion and extended to June, 2011. |
| EU Foreign Policy Chief to visit Georgia | 11. | EU Foreign Policy Chief to visit Georgia | 10.07.2010, Civil.Ge | READ MORE: http://www.civil.ge/eng/article.php?id=22502 | EU foreign policy chief, Catherine Ashton, will visit Georgia on July 15-16, according to her agenda. She will be in Tbilisi to mark launch of EU-Georgia talks on Association Agreement. |
| Georgia's main gas pipeline up for grabs | 12. | Georgia's main gas pipeline up for grabs | 09.07.2010, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty | READ MORE: http://www.rferl.org/content/Georgias_Main_Gas_Pipeline_Up_For_Grabs/2095528.html | Georgia’s parliament passed on July 6 in the first reading by a vote of 88 to five a draft law on the privatization of state assets that abolishes the existing restrictions on the sale of the main North-South gas pipeline. The Georgian opposition has already expressed concern that Russia might acquire a controlling stake in the pipeline, giving it huge economic leverage. |
| US tries to calm Georgia's fears about reset of relations with Russia | 14. | US tries to calm Georgia's fears about reset of relations with Russia | 06.07.2010, Washington Post | READ MORE: http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/07/05/AR2010070501211.html?wprss=rss_world/europe | Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton wrapped up a tour of former Soviet bloc countries
Monday by assuring Georgia’s pro-American leaders that they will not be abandoned as the Obama administration improves relations with Russia. That “reset” of relations has unnerved this small country, especially as Russian troops have become entrenched in two breakaway regions where a brief war broke out in 2008.

15.

Clinton: ‘Reset’ in Russia-US relations won’t proceed at Georgia’s disadvantage
05.07.2010, Kiyv Post

US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said the US firmly supports Georgia’s territorial integrity and unity. The United States regularly discusses these issues with Russian colleagues, Clinton said at a joint press briefing with Georgian President Mikheil Saakashvili in Tbilisi.

16.

Clinton visits Georgia
05.07.2010, Civil.Ge
READ MORE: http://www.civil.ge/eng/article.php?id=22482

Hillary Clinton, the US secretary of state, arrived in Tbilisi at noon on July 5 – a final stop of her Eastern European tour, which also included Ukraine, Poland, Azerbaijan and Armenia. Georgian Foreign Minister, Grigol Vashadze, welcomed Clinton in the Tbilisi airport. Before meeting with President Saakashvili, she will speak at a town hall meeting with women leaders, which will be followed by question and answer session.

17.

Clinton: US supports democratic forces in Georgia
05.07.2010, Kiyv Post

US Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton on Monday pledged US support for this former Soviet state, which is recovering from an August 2008 Russian military invasion and seeking to consolidate its democracy.

18.

Saakashvili highlights foreign policy
05.07.2010, New Europe
READ MORE: http://www.neurope.eu/articles/101886.php

At the Security Council meeting the Georgian President Mikheil Saakashvili expressed his satisfaction with the foreign policy activity of state bodies in the last period. After a certain peace and tranquility foreign policy activity has increased dramatically, he said.

19.

Clinton promises “steadfast” US support for Georgia
05.07.2010, BBC News
READ MORE: http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/10504732

US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton has pledged continuing American support for Georgia after talks in Tbilisi with President Mikhail Saakashvili. Mrs Clinton said the US was “steadfast in its commitment to Georgia’s sovereignty and territorial integrity”. She said the US did “not recognise spheres of influence”, referring to Russian claims for special influence over former Soviet states like Georgia.

20.

Alasania’s party wants to ban Saakashvili from running for PM
03.07.2010, Civil.Ge
READ MORE: http://www.civil.ge/eng/article.php?id=22480
Our Georgia-Free Democrats (OGFD), a party led by Irakli Alasania, has joined Labor Party’s call to constitutionally ban Mikheil Saakashvili to be nominated for prime ministerial post after his second and final presidential term expires in 2013.

21. PM: No immediate plans to sell trunk gas pipeline
02.07.2010, Civil.Ge
READ MORE: http://www.civil.ge/eng/article.php?id=22477
PM Nika Gilauri said that the government had no immediate plans to sell Georgia’s North-South Gas Pipeline, transmitting natural gas from Russia into Armenia and Georgia. He, however, did not rule out possibility of “selling 5% or 10%” of the pipeline through initial public offering at London Stock Exchange “in four, three or maybe in two years.”

22. CoE Secretary General visits Georgia
02.07.2010, Civil.Ge
READ MORE: http://www.civil.ge/eng/article.php?id=22475
Thorbjørn Jagland, the Council of Europe's Secretary General, who holds this post since October, 2009, started two-day visit to Georgia on July 2. He is accompanied Macedonia's Foreign Minister Antonio Milošoski in a capacity of chairman of Committee of Ministers, CoE’s decision-making body, "The purpose of the visit is to discuss possibilities of an expanded Council of Europe action for the protection of human rights in the areas affected by the August 2008 conflict," CoE said in a press release.

V. MOLDOVA
1. Azerbaijani and Moldovan constitutional courts sign memo of cooperation
14.07.2010, Trend News
Constitutional Courts of Azerbaijan and Moldova on Wednesday signed a memorandum of cooperation. The document was signed during Moldova's constitutional court head's visit to Azerbaijan.

2. Moldovan president says flood victims to be provided with dwellings by late autumn
12.07.2010, BSANNA News
READ MORE: http://bsanna-news.ukrinform.ua/newsitem.php?id=13568&lang=en
Moldova has ordered Russia to withdraw 1,500 troops stationed in a separatist eastern region for the past two decades. Interim President Mihai Ghimpu today issued a decree telling Moscow to "unconditionally, urgently, and transparently" take the troops out of Transdniester.

VI. ROMANIA
1. EU countries send assistance to flood-hit Romania
Published: 05 July 2010, updated: 06 July 2010, EurActiv
A Belgian convoy departed on Sunday (4 July) to bring pumps, power generators, water purification units and other material to Romania, which requested EU help after the north-eastern part of the country was hit by severe floods, causing 25 deaths. On its way, the Belgian convoy will pick up
assistance provided by Austria.

**VII. RUSSIA**

1. Russia, Germany sign multi-billion euro wind, rail deals
15.07.2010, EUbusiness
READ MORE: http://www.eubusiness.com/news-eu/germany-russia-rail.5kh
Russian President Dmitry Medvedev and German Chancellor Angela Merkel on Thursday oversaw the signing of multi-billion-euro deals to cement already tight Moscow-Berlin links. German engineering giant Siemens on Thursday signed deals worth several billion euros envisaging the supply of regional trains and wind turbines to Russia, the company said.

2. Russia sets up four strategic commands
Russian President Dmitry Medvedev has issued a decree establishing four strategic commands in the Armed Forces and an integrated logistic support system, a top military official said on Wednesday.

3. Communist leader slams Russian foreign policy
14.07.2010, Kiyv Post
Russian Communist Party leader Gennady Zyuganov believes Russia is "caving in to the US" and demands that Russia's foreign policy toward the West be revised. "The Russian leadership's bombastic foreign political declarations on protecting our national interests are, as a rule, not complemented by practical actions.

4. Medvedev, Merkel to meet in Yekaterinburg to discuss cooperation
14.07.2010, Kiyv Post
Russian President Dmitry Medvedev and German Chancellor Angela Merkel will meet in Yekaterinburg on July 14 and 15 for the 12th round of Russian-German summit consultations. The 12th round will center on the current situation in bilateral trade, economic, technological, regional and cultural cooperation, and on ways to strengthen interaction between the Russian and German interior and foreign ministries.

5. Russia against placing weapons in space - Medvedev
12.07.2010, GlobalSecurity.Org
Russian President Dmitry Medvedev reiterated on Monday that Russia was strictly against the placement of weapons in space. "We stand against unilateral approaches to missile defense issues and against the placement of weapons in space," Medvedev said at a meeting with Russian ambassadors and envoys in Moscow.

6. Fine Print: State Department reports play role in START ratification
06.07.2010, Washington Post
In 2005, the State Department told Congress that Russia had not reported that a road-mobile intercontinental ballistic missile launcher had left its production plant and therefore should have become an entry under the accountability section of the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty.

Putin sets out new strategy for North Caucasus
06.07.2010, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty
READ MORE: http://www.rferl.org/content/Putin_Sets_Out_New_Strategy_For_North_Caucasus/2092542.html
Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin has outlined new initiatives to boost economic development in the restive North Caucasus, where Russia is fighting a growing Islamist insurgency fueled by poverty, unemployment and corruption.

Clinton: US improving relations with Russia but that doesn’t mean agreement on all points
05.07.2010, Kyiv Post
The United States wishes to improve relations with Russia and will continue cooperating with it, US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton has said. At a Sunday press conference in Yerevan she said that the United States clearly declared that it wishes to improve relations with Russia.

Clinton criticises Russia over Georgia bases
05.07.2010, Kyiv Post
US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton on Monday, July 5, said Washington was concerned about Russia’s construction of permanent military bases in two rebel regions of Georgia and would not accept Russian spheres of influence.

Official unemployment in Russia down 1.9% to 1.89 million people over week
05.07.2010, Kyiv Post
Official registered unemployed in Russia is continuing to decrease, down by 2% over the past week to 1.887 million people, the Health and Social Development Ministry said. "Over the past week, the number of unemployed citizens registered at employment services decreased by 1.9%.

Putin: Russia wishes integration with Ukrainian machine builders, shipyards
05.07.2010, Kyiv Post
Russia wishes economic integration with Ukraine in many sectors, including atomic machine building, Prime Minister Vladimir Putin said at a meeting of the government presidium. "We are ready to use the capacities of Ukrainian machine building plants in fulfilling nuclear power plant construction and modernization projects in our countries and in third states," he said.

Putin: Russian-Ukrainian trade turnover on the rise
05.07.2010, Kyiv Post
The problems in Russian-Ukrainian relations are becoming history, Russian Prime Minister Vladimir
Putin said. "The problems between our countries, some of which were caused by the global crisis, are now becoming history. In January-April 2010, mutual turnover went up 86%, reaching $10 billion."

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<td>Poland and the United States signed an agreement on Saturday to carry out a revised missile defense shield despite Russian objections. US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton witnessed the signing of the pact, which allows the two nations to implement plans to station US missile interceptors on Polish soil to defend against potential threats from Iran and elsewhere.</td>
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<td>US Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton expressed hope Saturday that Russia would drop its opposition to a US missile defense system in Europe and accept an offer to cooperate in developing technologies for shooting down hostile weapons. &quot;The offer stands,&quot; Clinton said at a news conference after witnessing the signing of an amendment to a US-Polish agreement on the basing of US missile interceptors in Poland.</td>
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<td>The first stage of Russia’s Vostok 2010 military drills ended on Saturday, the Defense Ministry said. The statement said the drills, which began on June 29 in Russia’s Far East training areas and involved some 10,000 troops and around 1,000 items of military hardware, had been successful.</td>
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<td>On June 22, the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe approved without a single vote against a resolution critically assessing the human rights situation in Chechnya, Ingushetia, and Dagestan. For the first time since the Russian Federation became a member of the Council of Europe in February 1996, none of its Parliamentary Assembly delegates voted against a resolution on the North Caucasus.</td>
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<td>Turkish unemployment declined to 12 percent in April, the lowest level seen since October 2008. The budget deficit, on the other hand, has continued to rise, according to figures released by the Turkish Statistics Institute, or TurkStat, and the Finance Ministry.</td>
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2. Turkey may open Armenia border for NATO drill, report says
15.07.2010, Hurriyet Daily News
Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan said that Turkey will not stop until the PKK is “annihilated” after the Kurdish rebel group killed 12 Turkish soldiers over the weekend. The PKK attacks in Turkey’s predominantly Kurdish southeastern region come amid an escalation of violence after the perceived failure of the government’s attempt to solve the Kurdish problem politically, with a reform initiative to give Kurds more political and cultural rights.

3. Turkish FM will meet with Azerbaijani, Armenian counterparts
15.07.2010, Trend News
Turkish FM Ahmet Davutoglu will hold talks with Azerbaijani and Armenian Counterparts Elmar Mammadyarov and Edward Nalbandian in Almaty, the Turkish newspaper Hurriyet reported. The meetings will be held in the framework of the OSCE summit to be held in Kazakhstan July 16-17.

4. Turkey may become a CERN member
14.07.2010, BSANNA News
The head official of the European Organization for Nuclear Research, or CERN, said Wednesday that he believed Turkey would become a member of the research organization in the near future.

5. Füle: Turkey should have ‘zero doubt’ about EU’s commitment
Published 14.07.2010, Updated: 15.07.2010, 23.06.2010, EurArctiv
EU Enlargement Commissioner Štefan Füle assured Turkey on 12 July that the European Union was committed to the Muslim country becoming a full member, saying that ways of accelerating the process would be worked on. "There should be a zero doubt policy about our commitment," Füle told a joint news conference with Turkish ministers in Istanbul.

6. Turkey plans professional army to fight Kurdish rebels
14.07.2010, Kiyv Post
Turkey is working on a plan to create professional army units to combat Kurdish militants, its defence minister said on Wednesday after an increase in separatist violence in the southeast of the country.

7. Collective asks Turkish Parliament to lower 10 percent election threshold
14.07.2010, Hurriyet Daily News
A collective of social service organizations, academics, artists and special interest platforms have come together to ask the Turkish Parliament to lower the current 10 percent election threshold in
8. **Turkey becomes global power in construction**
14.07.2010, Kiyv Post
An army of Turkish cranes and bulldozers is at work across the Middle East, Central Asia and Africa, building dams, stadiums and highways in a boom that's helping drive Turkey to record growth and bolstering its efforts to become a regional power broker. Essential to the effort are the Turkish constructions firms at work in more than 80 nations.

9. **Turkey’s SPK cooperates with Azerbaijan**
14.07.2010, Hurriyet Daily News
Capital Markets Board, or SPK, Chairman Vedat Akgiray and Azerbaijan Securities State Commission Head Rifat Aslanli have signed a memorandum to foster information exchange and technological cooperation between the two institutions. The ongoing relationship between the SPK and the Azerbaijan Securities State Commission has been carried to a judicial platform with this agreement, Akgiray said during a signing ceremony on Tuesday.

10. **Turkish FM: Azerbaijani interests never neglected (UPDATE)**
14.07.2010, Trend News
Turkey will never neglect the interests of Azerbaijan in the process of normalizing relations with Armenia, Foreign Minister Ahmet Davutoglu was quoted as saying by Cihan agency. "Turkey will continue to provide unstinting support to Azerbaijan, with which it always had special relations," Davutoglu said, adding that the Turkish government’s position on normalization of relations with Armenia remains unchanged.

11. **Georgian, Turkish naval forces to hold joint exercises**
14.07.2010, Trend News
The Turkish Coast Guard’s TCSG-122 ship will arrive in Georgian territorial waters July 14. The ship will sail to Georgia under a military cooperation plan between the Turkish General Staff and the Georgian Border Police. The ship will be met at the seaport of Poti.

12. **EU foreign policy chief holds talks in Turkey**
13.07.2010, Hurriyet Daily News
The EU’s foreign affairs chief holds talks in Istanbul on Turkey’s bid to join the bloc and cooperation on terror. 'The main objective of the meeting is to reaffirm the EU’s commitment to Turkey and explore ways for the EU and Turkey to enhance cooperation in the region,' the EU statement says. The European Union is committed to Turkey’s full membership in the bloc and supports the ongoing reforms, according to the EU’s commissioner for enlargement.
13. Turkish security forces round up fuel smugglers

13.07.2010, Hurriyet Daily News


Turkey's Undersecretariat of Customs has launched an operation against fuel smuggling in various cities including Ankara, Istanbul, Bursa, Gaziantep and Balikesir. The officials on Monday took into custody a group of individuals who allegedly made illegal profits to the tune of 32.3 million Turkish Liras.

14. OECD report says foreigners seeking asylum in Turkey reach 13,000

12.07.2010, BSANNA News

READ MORE: http://bsanna-news.ukrinform.ua/newsitem.php?id=13572&lang=en

An Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) report said on Monday that the number of asylum seekers in Turkey reached 13,000. The OECD's "International Migration Outlook 2010" report said there was a considerable increase in the number of asylum applicants from Iraq (comprising more than half of the asylum seekers).

15. Turkey exporting to 172 countries

12.07.2010, BSANNA News

READ MORE: http://bsanna-news.ukrinform.ua/newsitem.php?id=13566&lang=en

Businessmen in the Southeastern Anatolia Region of Turkey have turned global economic crisis into an opportunity and raised the number of countries they are exporting to 172. The Southeastern Anatolia Exporters' Associations (GAIB) was exporting to only 158 countries at the beginning of 2010, however raised this number to 172 in the first half of the year.

16. As Turkey looks to West, trial highlights lagging press freedom

05.07.2010, Washington Post

READ MORE: http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/07/04/AR2010070404004.html?wprss=rss_world

For a country that is trying to demonstrate its reliability as a partner of the West, Turkey faces an awkward moment next week: An Istanbul judge is set to weigh the legality of enormous tax-related fines imposed on a media firm whose newspapers had sharply criticized the government.

17. Ankara worried about tanker traffic

02.07.2010, United Press International


Ankara must act to protect the environment from the growing rate of petroleum products passing through its waters, the Turkish energy minister said. Turkish Energy Minister Taner Yildiz told oil executives gathered in Istanbul that there were enough petroleum products passing through the waters of northern Turkey to fill three crude oil pipelines.

IX. UKRAINE

1.

Ambassador Dolhov: we develop partnership with NATO primarily for ourselves

14.07.2010, BSANNA News
Ukraine did not reduce its cooperation with NATO, and this is not a secret, Ukraine's Ambassador to Belgium, Ihor Dolhov, who is soon expected to be appointed as Head of Ukraine Mission to NATO, told Ukrainian reporters in Brussels on Tuesday.

**2.**

Ambassador: Ukraine seeks closer ties with Azerbaijan

14.07.2010, Trend News


Ukraine wants closer political ties with Azerbaijan. Ukrainian Foreign Minister Konstantin Grishenko will discuss increasing political cooperation between the two countries during his upcoming visit to Azerbaijan.

**3.**

Yanukovych asking Obama to maintain strategic partnership between Kyiv, Washington

14.07.2010, Kiyv Post


Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovych has called on the US to maintain strategic partnership between the two countries under any circumstances, Radio Liberty reported on Wednesday with reference to the foreign policy adviser to the president Andriy Fialko. According to Fialko, the Ukrainian president said this in a letter addressed to his US counterpart Barack Obama.

**4.**

New Country party renamed UDAR of Vitaliy Klitschko

13.07.2010, Kiyv Post


The Ukrainian Justice Ministry has received an official statement from the New Country political party on amending its regulations, the composition of its governing bodies, and a change in its name. The party was renamed the Ukrainian Democratic Alliance for Reform (UDAR, which means "punch" in Ukrainian and Russian) of Vitaliy Klychko, the ministry's press service reported.

**5.**

Expert: No unpopular reforms in Ukraine ahead of local elections

13.07.2010, Kiyv Post


The Ukrainian authorities will not conduct unpopular reforms ahead of local elections scheduled in Ukraine for October 31, 2010, according to Oleksiy Haran, the scientific director of the School of Political Analysis at the National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy.

**6.**

Ukrainian Insurgent Army exhibit to be removed from Great Patriotic War Museum

13.07.2010, Kiyv Post


An exhibit dedicated to activities of the Organization of Ukrainian Nationalists and the Ukrainian Insurgent Army (OUN-UPA) is to be removed from the National Museum of the Great Patriotic War in Kyiv.

**7.**

Opening of dialogue with Yanukovych a welcome step

13.07.2010, Kiyv Post

The June 21 meeting of Ukraine's President Viktor Yanukovych and Ukrainian World Congress President Eugene Czolij and General Secretary Stefan Romaniw is an important first step in establishing a dialogue between the President and the Government of Ukraine and the diaspora.

8.

Ukraine, Russia end undesirables 'blacklist'
13.07.2010, Kiyv Post

Russia and Ukraine have ended a mutual "blacklist" of undesirable visitors from each other's countries in a further sign of improving relations, Ukrainian newspapers said on Tuesday, July 13. On the Russian side, they include powerful Moscow mayor Yuri Luzhkov who was barred in May 2008 from entering Ukraine after calling for the Crimean port of Sevastopol to be returned to Russia, the newspaper Ekonomicheskiye Izvestiya said.

9.

Court again postpones hearing of appeal against Yanukovych for his statement on 1930s famine
13.07.2010, Kiyv Post

Pechersky District Court of Kyiv has postponed for two weeks the hearing of an appeal lodged by Ukrainian citizen Volodymyr Volosiuk against President Viktor Yanukovych on the protection of honor and dignity in connection with the president's statement on the Holodomor famine.

10.

Crime rate in Ukraine up by nearly third in 2010, says Interior Ministry
13.07.2010, Kiyv Post

The Interior Ministry of Ukraine has said that the number of criminal offenses committed in the first half of 2010 increased in all regions of the country. "The situation in the country is still difficult. The number of reported crimes has increased by nearly one-third. The number of offences has grown in every region without exception," Deputy Interior Minister Serhiy Popkov said.

11.

Ukraine-NATO military drills to begin on Monday
12.07.2010, GlobalSecurity.Org

Ukraine-NATO Sea Breeze military exercises will begin in Ukraine's Black Sea region later on Monday. The land phase of the drills, which will focus on fighting sea piracy, will be held at a military training area in the Nikolayev region, while the sea drills will take place in northwestern Black Sea.

12.

Ukraine set for stronger growth, tamer inflation
05.07.2010, Kiyv Post

Ukraine is likely to see stronger economic growth and tamer inflation in 2010 than analysts had previously expected, a Reuters survey showed on Monday, as the ex-Soviet republic looked set to win new support from the IMF. Ukrainian gross domestic product is likely to grow 4.2 percent in 2010, analysts said, raising their view from 3.9 percent a month earlier.
13. Yanukovych to visit Germany on August 30
05.07.2010, Kiyv Post
Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovych will make an official visit to Germany on August 30, 2010, the Ukrainian Foreign Ministry's press service has reported. Ukrainian Foreign Minister Kostiantyn Hryschenko and the German federal chancellor's foreign policy adviser, Christoph Heusgen, discussed the practical aspects of preparations for the visit at a meeting on Monday.

14. Ukrainian frigate to take part in Russian Black Sea parade on Navy Day
05.07.2010, Kiyv Post
The Black Sea guard ship Smetlivy has taken part in the Ukrainian naval parade marking the National Fleet Day, which was held in Sevastopol on July 4, Vyacheslav Trukhachyov, Black Sea Fleet press secretary told Interfax on Monday. "In response to this, Russia offered the Ukrainian Navy the chance to present its ship at the Black Sea parade held in honor of Navy Day," Trukhachyov said.

15. Poll: Half of Ukrainians welcome Black Sea Fleet's further presence in Crimea
05.07.2010, Kiyv Post
Citizens of Ukraine are generally positive about the Ukrainian-Russian agreement to extend the Black Sea Fleet's presence in Crimea by 25 years, according to the Omnibus monthly survey, conducted by the TNS pollster in Ukraine in May. Nearly 50% of respondents welcome the agreement, 26.4% see positive and negative aspects in it, and only 23.8% oppose it, the poll indicates.

16. Opposition to call on IMF not to extend loan to Yanukovych
05.07.2010, Kiyv Post
READ MORE: http://www.kyivpost.com/news/politics/detail/72061/
Ukraine's opposition will urge the International Monetary Fund (IMF) not to extend a loan to the current Ukrainian authorities, since they will use it to pay $5.4 billion to the Swiss-registered gas trader RosUkrEnergo AG.

17. IMF announcement of $15 billion agreement with Ukraine
04.07.2010, Kiyv Post
An International Monetary Fund (IMF) mission visited Kyiv during June 21-July 3, to discuss economic policies that could be supported by a Stand-By Arrangement (SBA) with the IMF. At the conclusion of the visit, Thanos Arvanitis, Mission Chief for Ukraine, issued the following statement today in Kyiv: "The mission has reached a staff-level agreement with the authorities of Ukraine on an economic policy program that can be supported by a 2½ year Stand-By Arrangement in the amount equivalent to SDR 10 billion (US$14.9 billion).

18. Clinton visits Ukraine, urging democratic liberties, US partnership
03.07.2010, Washington Post
READ MORE: http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/07/02/AR2010070202986.html?wprss=rss_world/europe
Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton kicked off a tour of former Soviet-bloc countries Friday by quietly warning Ukraine's new president not to backtrack on the democratic reforms ushered in by the 2004 Orange Revolution. Clinton made clear that the Obama administration is not troubled, provided Yanukovych's intent is simply to come up with a more "balanced" foreign policy, involving Russia as well as the European Union and the United States.

19. Parliament approves principles of Ukraine's domestic and foreign policy
02.07.2010, BSANNA News
READ MORE: http://bsanna-news.ukrinform.ua/newsitem.php?id=13494&lang=en
The Verkhovna Rada has adopted the Ukrainian law on the principles of domestic and foreign policy, which was submitted by Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovych. A total of 259 lawmakers out of the 279 registered in the parliament's session hall voted for the document late on Thursday.

X. BSEC
1. BSEC members to meet in Sochi
01.07.2010, BSANNA News
The Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation business forum entitled “Steps towards the innovations in Black Sea region” will take place September 17 in Sochi.

XI. EASTERN PARTNERSHIP
1. Armenia may host Eastern Partnership meeting
15.07.2010, Panarmenian.net
READ MORE: http://www.panarmenian.net/eng/world/news/51290/
Armenian National Assembly Speaker Hovik Abrahamyan met with European Parliament Vice President Laszlo Toke to discuss Armenia-EU cooperation, specifically in the framework of Eastern Partnership initiative. “The Eastern Partnership offers new perspectives for conclusion of association and free trade zone agreements,” Abrahamyan said.

2. Poland welcomes Armenia’s participation in Eastern Partnership
14.07.2010, Panarmenian.net
READ MORE: http://www.panarmenian.net/eng/politics/news/51239/
The Eastern Partnership initiative involves countries, which experience problems, but it doesn’t envisage resolution of these problems, Polish Foreign Minister said. “The more countries participate in the EP the better,” Radoslaw Sikorski said during a joint news conference with Armenian Foreign Minister Edward Nalbandian.

XII. ENERGY
1. Armenia 'unfazed' by fate of Georgia gas pipeline
READ MORE: http://www.rferl.org/content/Armenia_Unfazed_By_Fate_Of_Georgia_Gas_Pipeline/2100061.html
The Armenian government says it is not concerned about the possible privatization of a key pipeline through Georgia that supplies Russian natural gas to Armenia, RFE/RL's Armenian Service reports. Armenian Energy and Natural Resources Minister Armen Movsisian insisted the Georgian government would not sell the pipeline to Azerbaijan or to private investors.

2.

DTEK becomes associated member of Eurelectric
14.07.2010, Kiyv Post
DTEK, the largest private energy holding in Ukraine, became a member of the Eurelectric union of the electricity industry of Europe, which unites the leading companies in the sector and associations and operators of the European Union states and other countries, DTEK's spokesman reported.

3.

Diversification of energy carriers' supply needed for getting energy independence - experts
13.07.2010, BSANNA News
READ MORE: http://bsanna-news.ukrinform.ua/newsitem.php?id=13573&lang=en
In order to get independence in the energy sphere, diversification of energy carriers' supply is necessary. And the basis for diversification is fulfillment of the Brussels Declaration on gas supply and effective management of the energy sphere, independent expert on energy issues Oleksandr Narbut told a press conference.

4.

Russia searches for energy in deepest lake
12.07.2010, United Press Agency
Russian submersibles are scheduled this week to explore the bottom of Lake Baikal in search of gas hydrates, officials said. Deep submersibles are to embark on exploration activity near the coast of St. Petersburg in search of gas hydrates associated with an underwater volcano, Russia's state-run news agency RIA Novosti reports.

5.

Gazprom bids to unsettle key Nabucco partner
Published: 12.07.2010, Updated: 14.07.2010, EurActiv
Russian gas monopoly Gazprom is trying to unsettle the EU-favoured Nabucco gas pipeline consortium by trying to enlist one of its members, German utility RWE, for the alternative South Stream pipeline, the Handelsblatt daily reported yesterday (11 July).

6.

EBRD focuses on energy savings in Turkey
05.07.2010, Hurriyet Daily News
The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, or EBRD, will provide energy funding loans for Turkish individuals and companies, ranging between a few thousand dollars to $5 million, according to Michael Davey, the director of the bank's Istanbul branch. The loans will reach $200 million in total, Davey said.

7.

Burgas–Alexandroupolis pipe dream not dead yet
Greece and Bulgaria are members of the European Union, which abides by strict environmental regulations, and, therefore, the aim of both countries is to build a pipeline that will have absolutely no environmental impact on Burgas and Alexandroupolis, Greece’s Deputy Minister of Environment, Energy & Climate Change Yannis Maniatis told New Europe on 29 June on the sidelines of the 2010 Mediterranean Oil & Gas Conference in Athens.

Ukrainian companies want to step up their presence in Brussels as policymakers draft an Association Agreement that will frame relations between the EU and Kyiv in the coming years, a representative of a large energy company told EurActiv.

Ankara is planning to offer the private sector bidding rights on contracts for Russian gas imports held by state companies, Turkish energy officials said. Ankara aims to offer private companies the chance to renew gas import contracts with Russia for more than 200 billion cubic feet per year, the Platts news service reports citing an unnamed spokesman in the Turkish Energy Ministry.

The Bulgarian government will not face penalties if it backs out of a Russian oil pipeline project because Moscow broke the contract, officials said.

Europe should turn to natural gas in its search for the affordable and reliable energy sources of the future, energy company representatives said at the European Business Summit (EBS) yesterday (1 July). The EU must address the twin challenges of cutting its emissions by 20% from 1990 levels by 2020 while securing sufficient energy supplies for the future, in a market that is currently heavily dependent on foreign imports.

Bulgarian President Georgi Purvanov opened Wednesday a two-day working visit to Azerbaijan at the invitation of Azerbaijan President Ilham Aliyev, the President’s press secretariat said. Aliyev
visited Sofia in November last year.

### XIII. EUROPEAN UNION

1. Europe steps up response to gas supply crises
   14.07.2010, EurActiv
   EU lawmakers agreed to speed up construction of new gas storage and interconnection facilities on Tuesday (13 July) in response to supply crises like those caused by the Russia-Ukraine gas dispute in 2008 and 2009. The European Parliament’s industry committee backed an agreement reached between the institutions last month over a new regulation on security of gas supply.

2. Georgia, EU launch talks on association agreement
   14.07.2010, Trend News
   Georgia begins negotiations on an association agreement with EU. EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Catherine Ashton will visit the country to attend the first round of these talks to begin July 15, the Georgian foreign ministry reported.

3. EU Special Reps to Caucasus, Moldova to get new lease on life, for now
   The European Union appears on the brink of reversing a controversial plan to scrap its 12 special representatives to places ranging from the South Caucasus, Moldova, and Central Asia to Afghanistan and the Great Lakes of Africa, officials in Brussels say. EU ambassadors met today for the third time this month to decide the envoys' futures.

4. Europe to grant 43.5 million euros for aid to refugees from Abkhazia, South Ossetia
   13.07.2010, Kyiv Post
   Georgian Finance Minister Kakha Baindurashvili and Head of the European Union Delegation to Georgia Per Eklund signed an agreement on Tuesday, under which the EU will allocate 43.5 million euros to Georgia for providing assistance to refugees.

5. EU Meeting comes at critical time for Turkey’s membership bid
   12.07.2010, GlobalSecurity.Org
   The first visit to Turkey by European Union foreign affairs chief Catherine Ashton begins Tuesday. As the nation’s bid to join the bloc is on the verge of collapse in the face of strong opposition by some EU members, some question whether Turkey is turning its back on Europe.

6. Wine dispute on EU borders shows Russia in poor light
   09.07.2010, EUobserver.com
   READ MORE: http://euobserver.com/24/30456
   Russian ban on Moldovan wine sales shows the EU’s new "partner for modernisation" in a distinctly less-than-modern light. But the EU is unlikely to step in to the dispute. "The European Union and
Russia, as long-standing strategic partners in a changing multipolar world, are committed to working together to address common challenges with a balanced and result-oriented approach, based on democracy and the rule of law, both at the national and international level," Brussels and Moscow said in a joint communique in June on their new "Partnership for Modernisation."

7.

EU takes 'historic' step on new diplomatic service
08.07.2010, EUobserver.com
READ MORE: http://euobserver.com/18/30448
Foreign relations chief Catherine Ashton will turn her attention to choosing the top officials and the main building for the European External Action Service (EEAS) after the EU Parliament approved the legal blueprint for the new body. MEPs in a landslide result in Strasbourg on Thursday (8 July) backed the final EEAS set-up by 549 votes against 78 with 17 abstentions.

8.

EU and Turkey accession talks advance at snail's pace
01.07.2010, EUobserver.com
READ MORE: http://euobserver.com/15/30390
Officials in Moldova and Georgia are reacting with concern to speculation that the EU is poised to remove special representatives appointed to their regions. If confirmed, the change would signal a major downgrading in the EU's strategic interest in both Chisinau and the countries of the South Caucasus. The move—which will also affect other of the EU’s 11 special representatives—has been defended as an attempt to streamline the EU’s diplomatic corps.

XIV. PROTRACTED CONFLICTS
1.

OSCE monitoring conducted according to schedule
14.07.2010, Panarmenian.net
READ MORE: http://www.panarmenian.net/eng/world/news/51245/
On July 14, in accordance with the previously achieved agreement with the NKR authorities, the OSCE mission conducted monitoring of the contact line of Nagorno Karabakh and Azerbaijani armed forces, near the NKR Martuni region’s Kuropatkino settlement.

2.

Medvedev, Merkel to discuss Karabakh conflict
14.07.2010, Panarmenian.net
READ MORE: http://www.panarmenian.net/eng/world/news/51244/
As presidential aide Sergei Prikhodko told journalists, the talks will focus on visa regime relaxation, Nord Stream project implementation, economic relations and formation of strategic alliances between Russian and German enterprises. Prikhodko did not rule out that the leaders will touch upon Nagorno Karabakh conflict settlement, the situation in Kyrgyzstan and Transnistria as well as Russia-NATO relations, RIA Novosti reported.

3.

EU Special Envoy visits Sokhumi
14.07.2010, Civil.Ge
READ MORE: http://www.civil.ge/eng/article.php?id=22512
Peter Semneby, EU’s special representative for South Caucasus, met with Abkhaz leader, Sergey Bagapsh and prime minister of breakaway region, Sergey Shamba, in Sokhumi on July 14. Abkhaz news agency, Apsnipress, reported quoting Bagapsh that Sokhumi “is not demanding recognition” from EU, which has non-recognition and enlargement policy towards Georgia’s breakaway regions.
4. **US in fresh push to solve ‘frozen conflict’ in EU neighbourhood**

Published 05.07.2010 - Updated 07.07.2010, EurActiv


US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said yesterday (4 July) it was a US priority to help Armenia and Azerbaijan settle the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict and urged them to refrain from violence over the separatist region.

5. **US denounces any use of force in Karabakh conflict zone**

05.07.2010, Kyiv Post


US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton has recognized progress in the Karabakh settlement and called on the sides to refrain from the use of force and to observe the provisions of the Helsinki Final Act. We believe progress has been made already, she said at a press conference in Baku at the end of her visit. She said that Azerbaijan and Armenia should rely on the Helsinki principles.

6. **Clinton wants Nagorno-Karabakh conflict sorted**

05.07.2010, Euronews


US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton has put finding a solution to the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict at the top of her “to do” list. After shuttling between Azerbaijan and Armenia on the same day, America’s top diplomat urged both sides to refrain from violence over the separatist region while saying the US would play its part.

7. **Clinton presses Armenia, Azerbaijan for Nagorno-Karabakh settlement**

04.07.2010, GlobalSecurity.Org


US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton met Sunday with the leaders of Armenia and Azerbaijan to press for progress toward settling their long-standing dispute over Nagorno-Karabakh.

8. **Clinton urged to recognize Armenian ‘Genocide,’ Karabakh self-determination**

03.07.2010, GlobalSecurity.Org


A leading Armenian–American group is urging US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton to recognize the 1915 mass killings of Armenians in Ottoman Turkey as genocide and end “pressure” on Armenia over the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict during her upcoming visit to Yerevan, RFE/RL’s Armenian Service reports.

9. **US, Russian mediators visit Nagorno-Karabakh**

03.07.2010, GlobalSecurity.Org


Senior US and Russian envoys visited Nagorno-Karabakh and met with its ethnic Armenian leaders.
on July 2 at the start of a fresh regional tour aimed at facilitating a breakthrough in Armenian-Azerbaijani peace talks, RFE/RL’s Armenian Service reports.

### XV. SECURITY

1. Commonwealth of Independent States to form regional air defense systems
   14.07.2010, Kyiv Post
   Regional air defense systems are being formed in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia within the framework of the joint air defense system of the Commonwealth of Independent States, Russian Air Force spokesman lieutenant-colonel Vladimir Drik told Interfax-AVN on Tuesday.

2. Ukrainian navy mulls purchase of US military hardware
   14.07.2010, Kyiv Post
   A delegation of the Ukrainian Navy led by Captain Mykhailo Pinkevych ended a visit to Washington on July 13. The Ukrainian naval mariners visited the International Programs Office of the US Navy and learned about the procedure for the procurement of military equipment, property and services for foreign countries.

3. Russian Air Force to buy over 60 fifth-generation fighters
   The Russian Air Force will receive more than 60 fifth-generation fighters from 2015-16, the force commander said on Tuesday. "The Air Force will start taking delivery [of fifth-generation fighters] in 2015-16.

4. Russia’s new generation S-500 missile defense system to enter service
   Russia’s new generation S-500 air defense system will resolve the country’s missile defense problems when it enters service, Air Force Commander Colonel General Alexander Zelin said on Tuesday. "The S-500 air defense system is a system that will solve Russia’s missile defense problems," Zelin said.

5. NATO not ruling out Ukraine’s participation in Lisbon summit
   13.07.2010, Kyiv Post
   NATO does not rule out that non-members of the alliance may take part in its summit in Lisbon, Portugal, which is scheduled for November. NATO Spokesman James Appathurai said this at a meeting with Ukrainian journalists in Brussels on Tuesday, July 13.

6. Russian Navy’s delegation arrives in Mykolaiv to assess Ukraina cruiser
   5.07.2010, BSANNA News
A delegation of the Russian Navy has arrived in Mykolayiv to make a joint assessment of the technical state of the Ukraina missile cruiser. After the assessment is made, the Russian leadership will be offered the options of potential cooperation with Ukraine on the completion of the cruiser.

Yanukovych: Black Sea countries need new formula of collective security
05.07.2010, Kyiv Post

The Black Sea countries need a new formula of collective security, said Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovych. "I am confident that we will develop a new formula of collective security for all Black Sea countries," Yanukovych said in Sevastopol on Sunday on board the Hetman Sahaidachny frigate – the flagship of the Ukrainian Navy, the press service of the president reported.

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